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PatchAmp Partners with Trompeter to Deliver Improved HDTV Network Infrastructure
- New patented distribution amplifier integrates embedded patch jack functionality to create a compact, single box answer for HDTV -

CHICAGO, IL (November 20, 2007) --- PatchAmp, a manufacturer of broadcast distribution amplifiers and patching systems recently introduced the patented Lite system. With market demand for 1080p50/60 content growing, broadcasters are pressing ahead with infrastructure build-out in support of data rates up to 3Gb/s. At this high speed, cable lengths and the number of connections matter because loss of the digital signal is potentially disastrous to station operations. As a consequence, the stakes get higher for the patching assignment.

Packing HDTV performance and reliability into the highly compact PatchAmp 901 Lite Distribution Amplifier (DA) had PatchAmp engineers in pursuit of enabling componentry. One of the first suppliers to step up to the challenge was Trompeter, a respected supplier of broadcast patching elements since the 1970's. Coincidentally, recent updates to Trompeter's HDVDP/HDVDPM patchjack series played right into an identified problem area in PatchAmp's 901 Lite design vision. As a result of collaborative discussions, Trompeter successfully modified their HDVDPM SMPTE 292M-compliant jack to a board-mounted package.

Besides delivering solid signal performance, the integrated patch jack and DA combination in the PatchAmp's 901 Lite eliminates the traditional wiring between DA and jack - saving wiring labor, lowering installation costs, and reducing space requirements. Broadcast engineers are claiming it's the most practical way to set up a 3Gig infrastructure for fixed facilities and high-density mobile units.

PatchAmp's PA3200 Lite is now in use by Time Warner Cable among others. The recent Time Warner

purchase includes 22 32-position PA3200 Lite frames along with 528 of the PA-901 Lite patchable distribution amplifiers for an upgrade to the master control infrastructure.

The 4-RU PatchAmp Lite frame houses (4) 2x32 patch panels integral to 32 DA cards and weighs less than 35 lbs. Inside, the PA 901-Lite DA 1x4 video distribution amplifier is multi-rate up to 3Gig. This system guarantees that every signal is equalized and re-clocked at the patch bay.

“We were happy to work with PatchAmp to provide a custom package that incorporated the performance, robust mechanical construction and reliability that they needed,” reports Bill Spink, Director of Engineering at Trompeter.

“Trompeter was interested in putting the effort into making it work,” said Jim Tronolone, Vice President of Engineering at PatchAmp. “They were very positive and saw this as an opportunity to incorporate their patchjacks into a one-of-a-kind design.”

PatchAmp Distribution Systems are patented high-density products that improve productivity for media engineers, entertainment engineers and systems designers by simplifying and streamlining the design and installation processes.

This enhanced patch jack series is the latest addition to Trompeter's line of high definition transmission line network products and solutions that includes the UPL2000 digital video BNC connector, video patch cords, HD looping plugs, coax cable assemblies, tools and related accessories. Available as individual units or loaded into panels, the Trompeter video patch jack series includes the HDVDP (full size WeCo) and HDVDPM (miniWECO) products, patch jack available either terminated or non-terminated. Pricing and delivery on various jacks and panels in this series can be obtained online at www.trompeter.com or by calling the factory at 800-982-2629.

Pricing and delivery on various distribution amplifier systems can be obtained by emailing Sales@PatchAmp.com or by calling the PatchAmp sales office at (201) 457-1504. For more information, visit www.patchamp.com.

About Trompeter

Trompeter, now a wholly owned subsidiary of Emerson Network Power Connectivity Solutions, is a respected producer of RF interconnect products, including RF connectors, patching, cable assemblies and related tools for coaxial, twinax, and triax applications markets worldwide. Trompeter is ISO9001/2000 registered, and also meets the requirements of MIL-I-45208. The company is co-located with Semflex, a sister company, at 5550 E. McDowell Rd., Mesa AZ.

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